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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director(Support)

SUBJECT: Excess Shipping Charges - [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

1. It has come to my attention that the subject, who is an Office of Communications employee, is being assessed \$336.50 for the shipment of household effects in excess of an authorized 3,000 pound limitation.

2. Quoted below are pertinent paragraphs from the [REDACTED] 25X1A6c  
0937, forwarded by the [REDACTED] Area Chief:

25X1A6c "At the time of processing, [REDACTED] was aware of the 3,000 25X1A9a  
pound weight limitation and further signed a document  
acknowledging this fact. Subject then approached the Al

25X1A5a1 [REDACTED], to handle the shipment,  
and informed them of the weight limitation being imposed.  
He was assured by the [REDACTED] estimators that the 25X1A5a1

25X1A5a1 entire shipment, crated, would not exceed 2,800 pounds. In  
view of this professional advice, [REDACTED] directed the [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] to proceed with the crating.

25X1A9a Upon arrival of the effects at [REDACTED] the shipment was 25X1A6a  
verified to weigh 6,315 pounds. The effects were then trans- 25X1A6a  
shipped to [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] is currently located, with  
instructions to the Chief of Station to verify upon arrival  
that all effects contained in the shipment were those of  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] and to further verify the weight of the effects after  
uncrating. We were subsequently advised that all effects were  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] and the weight after uncrating was 2,178 pounds."

3. Discussions with representatives of the Passenger Movement Branch of the Office of Logistics indicates the following:

a. The instructions to the prime contractor ([REDACTED] 25X1A5a1  
Storage Company) for the handling of the subject's  
effects, authorized the shipment of 3,000 gross  
pounds and storage of 4,200 net pounds.

b. The Passenger Movement Branch endeavored unsuccessfully  
to stop the shipment of [REDACTED] effects at the time 25X1A9a  
they learned that the packed weight was 6,365 pounds.

c. The Company that did the packing stated that they did  
not weigh the items prior to packing.

4. Considering the foregoing it appears that the subject is a victim  
of a situation which resulted through no negligence on his part. Inasmuch

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as [REDACTED] is a GS-6 with a wife and two children, on his first overseas tour of duty, it is apparent that the payment of this unexpected obligation represents a real and undeserved financial hardship for him. Therefore, it is recommended that [REDACTED] be relieved of any obligations resulting from the shipment of the excess weight to his present overseas post. 25X1A9a

5. It is further recommended that administrative procedures be established to assure that this situation does not occur for other Agency personnel assigned overseas.

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[REDACTED]  
Director of Communications

cc: Director/Logistics  
✓ General Counsel  
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